

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1673

Introduced by Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife (Florez (Chair), Dickerson (Vice Chair), Aroner, Calderon, Goldberg, Kehoe, Kelley, Pavley, Thomson, and Wayne)

February 27, 2001

An act to amend Section 8405.4 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to sea cucumbers, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1673, as introduced, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife. Sea cucumbers: permits.

(1) Under existing law, no person may take, possess aboard a boat, or land sea cucumbers for commercial purposes except under a sea cucumber permit. That existing law provides for the Department of Fish and Game to issue and renew sea cucumber permits for specified fees. This existing law will become inoperative on April 1, 2002, and will be repealed on January 1, 2003.

This bill would continue the operation of that law until April 1, 2004, and will repeal it on January 1, 2005.

(2) Under other provisions of existing law, the fees for sea cucumber permits are deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the department to carry out the Fish and Game Code.

Because this bill would increase the money deposited in the fund during the extended period and impose new duties on the department during the extended period, it would make an appropriation.

(3) Other provisions of existing law make a violation of the laws relating to taking, possessing, and landing sea cucumbers for commercial purposes a crime.

This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by extending the period for the operation of that law.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8405.4 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8405.4. ~~This article shall become operative on April 1, 1997,~~
4 ~~except that Section 8405.2 shall become operative on April 1,~~
5 ~~1998.~~ This article shall become inoperative on April 1, ~~2002~~ 2004,
6 and as of January 1, ~~2003~~ 2005, is repealed, unless a later enacted
7 statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, ~~2003~~
8 2005, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative
9 and is repealed.

10 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
11 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
12 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
13 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
14 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
15 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
16 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
17 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
18 Constitution.